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nity, of the Providence without which the sparrow falls not to the ground. The reverent theism of the English infidels of the last century is refreshing and edifying by the side of this pseudo-Christianity. Conversely, we prize the volume now before us less for its able and unanswerable defence of positive Christianity, which we for ourselves did not need to have defended anew, than for the vivid views which it presents of the Divine personality and fatherhood, and of the "foot-steps of God among men."

17.—JOHN ALBERT BENGEL'S *Gnomon of the New Testament. Pointing out from the Natural Force of the Words, the Simplicity, Depth, Harmony, and Saving Power of its Divine Thoughts.* A New Translation, by CHARLTON T. LEWIS, M. A., and MARVIN R. VINCENT, M. A., Professors in Troy University. Philadelphia: Perkinpine and Higgins. 1862. 2 vols. 8vo. pp. 925, 980.

BENGEL died more than a century ago, and it might seem a strange and ill-advised enterprise to revive and to bring into use again a critical work on the New Testament, which bears date in the very infancy of modern Biblical criticism, and before the recensions of the text on which that criticism is founded. Yet Bengel's Gnomon has been a repertory from which his successors have derived a large proportion of their best material. He had all the learning of his day, and a mind of wonderful keenness and penetration. At the same time he was a man of profound spiritual insight and experience, and while he never indulges in homiletic exposition, he frequently broadens, deepens, and enriches for religious use, yet without warping or perverting, the signification of a sentence or passage. The work in its present form is less a translation than a revision of the original, and represents in great part what Bengel would have written had he lived a century later. And here we must praise the editors for what they have not done, as well as for what they have done. They have not, under cover of a venerable name, foisted in their own notions or any of the controverted opinions of the present day; but they have brought the work into conformity with whatever of textual and philological knowledge, positive and beyond doubt, has been added to what was within the author's reach. The mass of these volumes comes fittingly into the estimate of their value; for there is no wasted room. No critic has been more concise; and the student may be assured that he comes here into possession of nearly two thousand octavo pages of closely condensed materials, the monuments of the author's faithful thought and research, and welcome aids in his own.